# BABYLON's Fall
## in *MARYLAND*:
A fair
# WARNING
to Lord *Baltamore*.

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# RELATION
Of an Assault made by divers Papists, and Popish Officers of the Lord *Baltamore's* against the Protestants in *Maryland*; to whom GOD gave a great Victory against a greater force of Souldiers and armed Men, who came to destroy them.

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# *Babylons* fall in *Maryland*. A fair warning to Lord *Baltamore*.

IN the yeer 1649. many, both of the congregated Church, and other well-affected people in *Virginia*, being debarred from the free exercise of Religion, under the Government of Sir *William Barkely*, removed themselves, Families, and Estates into the Province of *Maryland*, being thereunto invited by Captain *William Stone*, then Governour for Lord *Baltamore*, with promise of Liberty in Religion, and Priviledges of English Subjects.

An Oath to the Lord *Baltamore* was urged upon this people soon after their coming up, which if they did not take, they must have no Land, nor abiding in the Province. This Oath was very scrupulously looked upon: first, In regard it bindes to acknowledge and be subject to a Royal Jurisdiction and absolute Dominion of the Lord *Baltamore*, and to defend it and him against all power whatsoever. This was thought far too high for him, being a Subject, to exact upon such terms as it was exacted, and too much unsutable to the present liberty which God had given the English Subjects, from Arbitrary and Popish Government; as the Lord *Baltamore's* Government doth plainly

appear to be. Secondly, It was exceedingly ſcrupled on another account, *viz.* That they muſt ſwear to uphold that Government and theſe Officers who are ſworn to countenance and uphold Antichriſt, in plain words expreſt in the Officers Oath, the Roman Catholick Religion. And for theſe people to own ſuch by an Oath, whom in their hearts they could by no means cloſe with; what could it be accounted, but *Colluſion*?

Yet nevertheleſs the people that were then come up to *Providence*, conſidering Lord *Baltamore* to be Lord of the ſoil, and willing to acknowledge him, and pay him his due Rents and Services; upon that account took an Oath which was much qualified and moderated from its former rigour: but this, though it was accepted by Captain *Stone* the Lord *Baltamore*'s Lieutenant, yet utterly rejected by his Lordſhip, who gave order, That the Oath abſolutely ſhould be urged; and gave ſpecial inſtructions and charge to his Leiutenant to proclaim, That all that would not take the Oath within three Months after publication, and pay Rents, and ſue out Patents, ſhould be expulſed the Province, and the Land ſeized to his Lordſhips uſe; who required his Officers to ſee the contents of the Proclamation executed.

Now the people having been formerly ſenſible of ſuch yokes, impoſed contrary to what was promiſed them before they came into the Province, complained by their Agent in *England*,

Firſt, to the Lord *Baltamore*, deſiring his Lordſhip, That ſuch burthens as the Oath and other great inconveniences mentioned in our inſtructions, might be removed. But the Lord *Baltamore* rejected the motion. Our Agent preſented a Petition to the then Councel of State, where it hath been depending neer four yeers, without any hearing, Anſwer or Relief; which hath brought unſpeakable troubles upon this Province, & now at laſt occaſioned the ſhedding of much Engliſh blood; yea, of the Saints in *Maryland*. God grant that Right and Juſtice may have a more open courſe to flow into all the Dominions of *England*, without obſtructions; and, that innocent blood be not ſhed any more for want thereof.

In the yeer 1652. *Richard Bennet* Eſq; Colonel *William Cliyborne*, and Captain *Edmund Curtis*, Commiſſioners from the

the Supream Authority of the Commonwealth of *England*, arrived in *Maryland*, in the *Guiny* Friggot, to reduce that Province into the obedience of the Commonwealth of *England*, according to their Commiſſion; which was effected by them, firſt, in their taking away the Commiſſions and Powers of the Lord *Baltamore*, in the hands of Captain *William Stone* his Governour, and *Thomas Hatton* his Secretary, and the reſt of the Lord *Baltamores* Councel; as they had very good cauſe ſo to do; for none of the Engliſh Dominions had more need of being reduced; and cauſed them to take the Engagement to the Commonwealth of *England*, as it was then, without King or Houſe of Lords. And ſo they might have continued in their places ſtill, onely to the Commonwealth of *England*; but they would not yield to iſſue out Writs in any other name, then Lord *Baltamore's*, becauſe of their Oath to him.

In the yeer 1654. upon ſome Inſtructions and Relations from the Lord *Baltamore* out of *England*, Captain *William Stone*, and Mr. *Thomas Hatton*, and the Popiſh Councellors, roſe up againſt the Reducement, diſplacing thoſe whom the States Commiſſioners had placed, and introducing the old Popiſh Councel; calling that which was done by commiſſion from the Councel of State in *England*, Rebellion againſt the Lord *Baltamore*; and thoſe that were Actors in it, Factious and Seditious Perſons: which was done by a Proclamation full of railing terms, publiſhed at *Providence* in the Church-meeting.

*The Commiſſioners for the Commonwealth of England, hearing that new Orders and Inſtructions were come to Maryland from Lord* Baltamore, *and that one* Scarborough *a miſchievous inſtrument of the Lord* Baltamore *was gone up* Maryland, *reſolved to come and ſee in what condition their affairs ſtood.* And finding a direct contradiction to, and receding from that obedience to the Commonwealth of *England*, which was promiſed, but not performed, by the Lord *Baltamore's* Officers, applied themſelves in a peaceable and loving way to perſwade them into their due and promiſed obedience, yet becauſe the ſaid Commiſſioners were given to underſtand, That there was a miſchievous deſign by Lord *Baltamore's* Officers and

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their Complices, to apprehend their persons, and to raise Forces against the lawful Power of the Commonwealth of *England*;

The said Commissioners desired some to come down from *Providence*, and some from *Putuxent* to guard their Persons, and defend themselves & people from that power of mē in Arms, which by this time Captain *Stone* had pressed in Lord *Baltamore*'s name, upon pain of death to assist him against the said Commissioners, and gathered together in a formidable manner. But the said Commissioners being greatly desirous of peace, and willing to avoid the shedding of blood, applyed themselves to the said Captain *Stone*, to bring him to a parley and conference; where, after some arguing, the said Captain *Stone* resigned up the Government which he took up in the Lord *Baltamore*'s name, into the hand of the Commissioners of *England*; promising to be obedient to that Government, which by their Authority should be set over them, under his Highness the Lord Protector.

The ordering and governing the affairs of *Maryland*, was then committed to Captain *Will. Fuller*, Mr. *Rich. Preston*, Mr. *Richard Durand*, Mr. *Edward Lloyd*, &c. others mentioned in the Commission, who were required to attend the Engagement of the Commonwealth of *England*, to keep Courts, *&c.* and to summon an Assembly in *October* following. At this Assembly there was a full and lawful Representative of the whole Province, where the Act of Reducement of this Province by Commission from the Council of State in *England* to *Richard Bennet* Esq; Colonel *William Clayborne*, *Emund Curtis*, was freely and fully acknowledged by the whole Assembly; the Burgesse of every respective County and Limit confirming the same, and submitting thereunto. And did pass, and record an Act, *That whosoever did publish any Writ or Summons, Declaration or Proclamation, either in the Lord* Baltamore's *or any other name, then the Government so setled as aforesaid had and received, should be accounted a Delinquent against the Commonwealth of England, and dealt with accordingly.*

The same Assembly did make Protestation against a Declaration

ration ſent over by his Lordſhip, and recorded by his Secretary; wherein the ſaid Lord did declare the people at *Providence*, by him called *Annardundel*, to be Rebels; and ſtrictly charged his Officers efficaciouſly to deal with them accordingly: but no ground or reaſon thereof could be found, But their not compliance with his Arbitrary and Popiſh Government, and the adhering to the Engagement and the Reducement aforeſaid, and Government ſetled by the aforeſaid Commiſſioners.

After this Aſſembly, the Province was quiet, and ſo continued until the later end of *January*; about which time, the Ship *Golden Fortune*, whereof Captain *Tilman* was Commander, arrived in *Maryland*.

Then the Lord *Baltamore*'s Officers, and the Popiſh party began to divulge abroad, and boaſt much of power which came in that Ship from his Highneſs the Lord Protector, to confirm the Lord *Baltamore*'s Patent to him, and to re-eſtabliſh his Officers in their former places under him: which pretended power they aſſumed to themſelves; Captain *Stone* and the reſt giving out threatning ſpeeches, That now the Rebels at *Putuxent* and *Severne*, ſhould know that he was Governour again; giving Order, That neither Act of the ſaid Aſſembly ſhould be obſerved, nor Writ from the power eſtabliſhed by the Commiſſioners aforeſaid obeyed, but what ſhould iſſue forth in the name of the Lord Proprietory, *viz.* Lord *Baltamore*. And further, the ſaid Captain *Stone* gave ſeveral Commiſſions to the Papiſts and other deſperate and bloody fellows, to muſter and raiſe men in arms to be ready upon all occaſions, giving out that he would go to *Putuxent*, and ſeize the Records of the Province at the place where they were appointed to be kept by an Act of the Aſſembly, and to apprehend Mr. *Richard Preſton* alſo, at whoſe houſe they were; which ſhortly after was effected by Vertue of a Warrant in Captain *Stone*'s name, without Proclaiming, or ſhewing any power by which he acted ſuch high Robberies. But in threatning ſpeeches declared, That they would have the Government; and for the terror of others, would hang ſome of the Commiſſioners, which were entruſted with the Government by the Commiſſioners of the Commonwealth of *England*, under his Highneſs the Lord Protector, namely,

namely, Captain *William Fuller*, Mr. *Richard Preſton*, and Mr. *William Durand*.

About this time Captain *William Fuller*, Mr. *William Durand*, Mr. *Leonard Strong*, and Mr. *Richard Ewen*, to whom among others the Government was committed, ſent two Meſſengers of quality and truſt with Letters to Captain *Stone*, in a way of peace and love; deſiring him to make it known by what power he ſurpriſed the Records; and deſiring him the ſaid Captain *Stone*, to give an Anſwer, as by the Letter, relation thereunto being had, more at large appeareth: But the ſaid Captain *Stone*, inſtead of giving a ſatisfactory Anſwer, imprisoned the Meſſengers, and in much wrath and fury ſaid he would ſhow no power: at laſt he affirmed, that he acted by a power from Lord *Baltamore*; and that the Lord Proteſtor had confirmed the Lord *Baltamore*'s power. If ſo, Sir, ſaid one of the Meſſengers, if it be confirmed, let that appear, and it will ſatisfie. Confirmed, ſaid Captain *Stone*, I'll confirm it; and ſo ſent them home. After this, the ſaid Captain *Stone* and his Officers proceeded in their wicked deſign; yet to colour it over, the ſaid Captain *Stone* publiſhed a Proclamation to deceive the amazed and diſtracted people at *Putuxent*; wherein he called God to witneſs, that he intended not to uſe any hoſtile way to them or the people at *Providence*. Which Proteſtation how falſe and feigned it was, the following proceedings of himſelf and Officers, will clearly evidence to all the World: for notwithſtanding this Proclamation and Proteſtation, the ſaid Captain *Stone* ſent up to *Putuxent* one *William Eltonhead* and *Joſias Fendal*, and with them twenty men in Arms, who did beſet and entred the houſe of Mr. *Richard Preſton*, with intent to ſurpriſe him; but not finding him at home, took away in Guns, Swords and Ammunition to the value of 30 *l. ſterling*; ranſacked every place in and about the houſe, to ſeek for the ſaid *Richard Preſton*; and as ſome of the Company then ſaid, with purpoſe to hang him for his rebellion againſt the Lord *Baltamore*. At the ſame time they ſurpriſed *John Sutton*, who was appointed by the Aſſembly and Secretary to attend the Records, for any that ſhould have occaſion to uſe them, either for ſearch or Copy; and carried him away Priſoner with ſuch

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Guns and Ammunition he had, and kept him about twenty dayes; even so they deale with Lieutenant *Peter Johnson*; several other houses at *Putuxent*, they served in the like kinde. And when they were desired to shew by what power or Commission they so acted, they would in a proud bravado clap their hands on their swords, and say, Here is a Commission. This was no sooner effected at *Putuxent*, but presently they mustered in Armes two hundred or two hundred and fifty men at the house of the aforesaid *Eltonhead*, which *Eltonhead* and *Pendal* sent up by night several Boats with armed men, and forced many of *Putuxen* whether they would or not to go with them upon their warlike Expedition to *Providence*; taking all the Guns, Powder, Shot and Provision, they could anywhere finde. And when they had done what they pleased at *Putuxent*, they bent all their Forces towards *Providence*, the chief place of the residence of most of the Commissioners, and people that were forced out of *Virginia* by Sir *William Berkely* for conscience sake. Some of the said Company marching by Land, others by Water; they that marched by Land, did much spoil and robbery in all the Houses and Plantations where they came, breaking open Doors, Trunks and Chests. In this barbarous manner they carried it for about forty miles.

Now again the Commissioners at *Providence* sent other Messengers with a Letter to Captaine *Stone*, still complaining his proceedings, and seeking the knowledge of his power; and that some better accommodation might be attended to prevent the ruine and desolation of the whole Province, which this course was very likely to bring to pass. If he were resolved to come to no Parley or Treaty, they protested in the said writing, that by the help of God, they were resolved to commit themselves into the hand of God, and rather die like men, then live like slaves. This was also rejected by the said Captain *Stone* and his Complices, the Messengers apprehended, their Boat seized, and onely three of six escaped to bring the report of their desperate and bloody design, and that they were upon their march in a hostile way.

Capt. *Stone* and his Company still drew neerer to *Providence*, unto a place called *Herring-Creek*, where they apprehended

one of the Commiſſioners, and forced another man of quality to flie for his life, having threatned to hang him up at his own door; and not finding the man, affrighted his wife, and plundered the houſe of Ammunition and Proviſion, threatning ſtill what they would do to the people at *Providence*, and that they would force the rebellious factious Roundheads to ſubmit; and then they would ſhew their power.

Having now left the Country behinde them bare of men, ſave onely ſuch as fled into the Woods from their cruelty and rapine, as alſo of Arms and Ammunition; the poor women urging this to them, What ſhould they do if the Indians ſhould come upon them, being thus ſtrip'd of men and Arms to defend them; and in what a ſad and ſorrowful condition they were left: Theſe mercileſs men anſwered ſcoffingly, It matters not, your ſorrow is our joy.

And indeed, it is too apparent, that the Indians waited upon their motions, and by examination it was found at *Providence*, that the Indians were reſolved in themſelves, or ſet on by the Popiſh faction, or rather both together to fall upon us: as indeed after the fight they did, beſetting houſes, killing one man, and taking another priſoner.

Now the people at *Providence* perceiving ſuch a tempeſt ready to fall upon them, and all meſſages rejected, prepared for their coming, looking up, and crying to the Lord of Hoſts and King of *Sion*, for counſel, ſtrength and courage, being reſolved in the ſtrength of God to ſtand on their Guard, and demand an account of theſe proceedings, ſeeing no other remedy, for ſo great a miſchief, could be found.

About this time Captain *Stone* ſent two men to publiſh a Proclamation quite againſt the Law eſtabliſhed by the Commiſſioners of the Commonwealth of *England*, and againſt an Act of a lawful Aſſembly; which being read, and having no other Treaty to offer, they were quietly diſmiſſed to their own Company, to whom they might have gone if they would.

That night Captain *Stone* and his Army appeared in the River of *Severne* at *Providence*, with eleven or twelve Veſſels greater and leſſer, ſome of which had plundred by the way, in which their whole Army were wafted.

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Capt. *Fuller* & the Councel of War appointed at *Providence* Mr. *Wil. Durand*, Secretary, to go aboard the *Golden Lion* which then lay at Anchor in the River, and to fix a Proclamation in the main maſt, directed to Captain *Heamans*, Commander of the ſaid Ship, wherein he was required in the name of the Lord Protector, and Commonwealth of *England*, and for the maintenance of the juſt Libertyes, Lives, and Eſtates of the free Subjects thereof, againſt an unjuſt power, to be aiding and aſſiſting in this ſervice.

The ſaid Captain *Heamans* at firſt was unwilling; but afterwards ſeeing the equity of the Cauſe, and the groundleſs proceedings of the Enemy, he offered himſelf, Ship, and Men for that ſervice, to be directed by the ſaid *William Durand.*

The Enemy was come within the command of the Ship at the ſhutting in of the evening: the Captain of the Ship was required to command them aboard by a piece of Ordnance. The Enemy with a great noiſe rejected the warning. Then another Piece was levelled where they heard the Boats rowing; the ſhot whereof lighting ſomething neer, but doing no hurt; A Meſſenger came aboard; but had nothing of any meſſage to deliver, ſave onely, that Captain *Stone* thought the Captain of the Ship had been ſatisfied. To which the Captain anſwered, Satisfied, with what? I never ſaw any power Captain *Stone* had, to do as he hath done; but the ſuperſcription of a Letter. I muſt, and will, appear for theſe in a good Cauſe.

That night the Enemy run into the Creek, where they landed out of the reach of the Ship.

But in the morning, all their Veſſels were block'd up by a ſmall Barque with two pieces of Ordinance, which was commanded to lie in the mouth of the Creek, and ſo kept from coming out.

The ſame day, being the firſt day of the week, and the 25 of *March*, the Enemy appeared in a body upon a narrow neck of the Land, neer their Veſſels, and with Drums and ſhoutings ſaid, *Come ye Rogues, come ye Rogues, Roundheaded Dogs*; which cauſed the Captain of the Ship to give fire at them, and forced them to march further off, into the neck of Land.

In the mean time Capt. *Will. Fuller* with his Company came up the River with ſhoutings and couragious rejoycings, and landed with a hundred and twenty men, ſix mile diſtant from the Enemy: and immediately ſent away all their Sloaps and Boats, committing themſelves into the hand of God: he marched directly where the Enemy lay waiting for him. The Enemies Sentry ſhot; immediately they appeared in order. Captain *Fuller* ſtill expecting, that then at laſt, poſſibly they might give a reaſon of their coming, commanded his men upon pain of death not to ſhoot a Gun, or give the firſt onſet; ſetting up the Standard of the Commonwealth of *England*: againſt which, the Enemy ſhot five or ſix Guns, and killed one man in the front before a ſhot was made by the other. Then the word was given, *In the Name of God fall on; God is our Strength*, that was the Word for *Providence*: the *Marylanders* Word was *Hey for Saint Maries*. The Charge was fierce and ſharp for the time; but through the glorious preſence of the Lord of Hoſts manifeſted in and towards his poor oppreſſed people, the Enemy could not endure, but gave back; and were ſo effectually charged home, that they were all routed, turned their backs, threw down their Arms, and begged mercy. After the firſt Volley of ſhot, a ſmall Company of the Enemy, from behinde a great tree fallen, galled us, and wounded divers of our men, but were ſoon beaten off. Of the whole company of the *Marylanders* there eſcaped onely four or five, who run away out of the Army to carry News to their Confederates, Captain *Stone*, Colonel *Price*, Captain *Gerrard*, Captain *Lewis*, Captain *Hendall*, Captain *Gunther*, Major *Chandler*, and all the reſt of the Councellors Officers and Souldiers of the Lord *Baltamore* among whom, both Commanders and Souldiers, a great number being

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Papists, were taken, and so were all their Vessels, Arms, Ammunition, provision; about fifty men slain and wounded. We lost onely two in the field; but two died since of their wounds. God did appear wonderful in the field, and in the hearts of the people; all confessing him to be the onely Worker of this victory and deliverance.

*Examinatur per me,*

William Durand,

Secretary of

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# The Postscript.

THus God our Strength appeared for us; and the blood which they thirsted after in others, was given to themselves to drink; the miseries which they threatned to the innocent, fell upon the guilty; the pit which they digged for others, themselves fell into; the cords which they brought to binde us, bound themselves. This is the Lord's doing, it may well be marvellous in our eyes.

What hath been written, is but a very abstract of those great and various providences of God toward his people, and against Antichrist; a great Volume would not contain the wonders which the Lord himself hath wrought and manifested to the hearts of his people in this dispensation. The sum is, Satan and his seed, rising up against the seed of the woman, bruises the heel of Christ, but destroyes himself utterly. The further evil men proceed in their own way, the neerer to destruction: so is it with all flesh, it works it self into ruine, through the adored depths of the wisdom of God.

Those who are acquainted with the clear and familiar appearances of God to his people in times of distress, can understand and rejoyce in what may be now a little further hinted.

First, the Lord confounded the Language of Babel in the hearts, projects, and consultations of his people, when they were devising to defend themselves from this danger, till they came to that condition of Jehoshaphat, We know not what to do, but our eyes are towards thee; wilt thou judge them? for we have no strength against this multitude.

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*Secondly, Now the Lord gives testimony from himself in the Spirits of many of his Saints, in a wonderful, plain, yet glorious manner; (for the secret of the Lord is with them that fear him) so that as well women as men spake, or rather God spake in them an expreſs testimony what ſhould be the iſſue of this conflict, that is, glory to God in the higheſt, deliverance to his people, deſtruction to* Babylon, *Songs unto* Sion: *which was revealed ſo powerfully, evidently, and certainly, that it raviſh'd the hearts of ſome, aſtoniſh'd others, and encouraged the heart both of General, Captains, and Souldiers, as well as others that could not fight, to a Triumph before the Engagement, and the enjoyment of a victory by the aſſurance of faith, before one ſtroke of the battle.*

*The bow of the Lord was made quite bare, to be ſeen of all that had an eye to ſee, & his arrows were ſeen to be ſharp in the heart of the Kings enemies before they fell under him. God made the feeble to be as* David, *and* David *as God: they were carried out in the ſtrength of the Lord, who gave this testimony to one of the Captains, juſt as the Enemy came up,* The Victory is yours; but God ſhall be ſeen, and not man in it. *After the battle, what acknowledgement of God in it was in every mean Souldiers mouth, as well as the Commanders, what praiſing of God, is beyond expreſſion. They ran through all the Company,* Give God the glory, Bleſſed be the name of the Lord.

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